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Providence Christian College Board of Trustees

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Providence Christian College to Close at End of 2025–26 Academic Year

Pasadena, Calif. — With deep gratitude for two decades of faithful service and with a sober acknowledgment of significant challenges facing small, mission-driven institutions of higher education, the Board of Trustees of Providence Christian College announces that the College will close at the conclusion of the 2025–26 academic year.

Providence Christian College welcomed its first class in the fall of 2005 with a vision to provide a Christ-centered liberal arts education grounded in the historic Christian and Reformed tradition. Over the years, students from across the country and around the world have benefited from rigorous academic programs, vibrant community life, and a steadfast commitment to loving God and neighbor. The Board and administration have been privileged to witness countless lives transformed for service to God..

Despite sustained effort and prayerful deliberation, the Board of Trustees has concluded that there is no viable path forward for the College to continue beyond this academic year. A combination of ongoing low enrollment, significant financial pressure, rising operational costs in Southern California, increased accreditation expectations, and the loss of federal funding programs critical to institutional support made the continuation of Providence's mission increasingly untenable. After exploring many other options — including cost reductions, intensified recruitment efforts, and potential relocation alternatives — the Board determined that closure is the most responsible course.

“Providence Christian College has been a place of faithful Christian learning that has equipped students for lives of service,” said the Board of Trustees in a joint statement. “This decision was made only after extensive consultation, prayer, and an honest assessment of our stewardship responsibilities. We mourn the ending of this chapter, even as we thank God for His abundant provision through the years.”

To support students through this transition, Providence Christian College has arranged teach-out and transfer agreements with several Christian colleges both in California and around the country, ensuring that students who have not yet completed their degrees have opportunities to finish their academic programs with comparable credit recognition and academic continuity.

Commencement exercises for the Class of 2026 will proceed as scheduled on Saturday, May 16, honoring the achievements of those completing their degrees. The College remains fully committed to serving current students, faculty, and staff with integrity and care throughout the remainder of the semester.

The Trustees extend heartfelt appreciation to the faculty, staff, alumni, donors, friends, and church partners whose dedication and generosity sustained Providence Christian College. While the Board recognizes the sadness this announcement brings, it also affirms its confidence in God's sovereign care and the enduring impact of Providence's educational mission.

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